



## IAPD Report

# JOSEPH PAUL MCERLEAN

CRD# 2463560

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## IAPD Information About Representatives

IAPD offers information on all current-and many former representatives. Investors are strongly encouraged to use IAPD to check the background of representatives before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

### What is included in a IAPD report?

IAPD reports for individual representatives include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards.

It is important to note that the information contained in an IAPD report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

### Where did this information come from?

The information contained in IAPD comes from the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) and FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD, (see more on CRD below) and is a combination of:

- information the states require representatives and firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
- information that state regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against representatives.

### How current is this information?

Generally, representatives are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in IARD within 30 days.

### Need help interpreting this report?

For help understanding how to read this report, please consult NASAA's IAPD Tips page <http://www.nasaa.org/IAPD/IARReports.cfm>

### What if I want to check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage Firm?

To check the background of an Individual Broker or Brokerage firm, you can search for the firm or individual in IAPD. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in FINRA's BrokerCheck website.

### Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?

It is recommended that you learn as much as possible about an individual representative or Investment Adviser firm before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research individuals and certain firms doing business in your state. The contact information for state securities regulators can be found on the website of the North American Securities Administrators Association <http://www.nasaa.org>



## Report Summary

### JOSEPH PAUL MCERLEAN (CRD# 2463560)

The report summary provides an overview of the representative's professional background and conduct. The information contained in this report has been provided by the representative, investment adviser and/or securities firms, and/or securities regulators as part of the states' investment adviser registration and licensing process. The information contained in this report was last updated by the representative, a previous employing firm, or a securities regulator on **09/30/2025**.

### CURRENT EMPLOYERS

	Firm	CRD#	Registered Since
IA	AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.	CRD# 15007	09/18/2025

### QUALIFICATIONS

This representative is currently registered in **0** SRO(s) and **2** jurisdiction(s).

Is this representative currently Inactive or Suspended with any regulator? **No**

**Note:** Not all jurisdictions require IAR registration or may have an exemption from registration. Additional information including this individual's qualification examinations and professional designations is available in the Detailed Report.

### REGISTRATION HISTORY

This representative was previously registered with the following firm(s):

	FIRM	CRD#	LOCATION	REGISTRATION DATES
B	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA	02/01/2023 - 09/30/2025
IA	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	6413	WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA	02/01/2023 - 09/30/2025
IA	1914 ADVISORS	100	WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA	10/25/2021 - 02/06/2023

For additional registration and employment history details as reported by the individual, refer to the Registration and Employment History section of the Detailed Report.

### DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Disclosure events include certain criminal charges and convictions, formal investigations and disciplinary actions initiated by regulators, customer disputes and arbitrations, and financial disclosures such as bankruptcies and unpaid judgments or liens.

Are there events disclosed about this representative? **Yes**

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	4
Termination	2



## Qualifications

### REGISTRATIONS

This section provides the SRO, states and U.S. territories in which the representative is currently registered and licensed, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration becomes effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the representative is currently employed, the address of each location where the representative works. This individual is currently registered with **2** jurisdiction(s) and **0** SRO(s) through his or her employer(s).

### Employment 1 of 1

Firm Name: **AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.**  
Main Address: 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
27TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10105  
Firm ID#: 15007

	Regulator	Registration	Status	Date
<b>IA</b>	Pennsylvania	Investment Adviser Representative	Approved	09/18/2025
<b>IA</b>	Texas	Investment Adviser Representative	Restricted Approval	09/18/2025

### Branch Office Locations

**AEGIS CAPITAL CORP.**  
Phoenixville, PA



## Qualifications

### PASSED INDUSTRY EXAMS

This section includes all industry exams that the representative has passed. Under limited circumstances, a representative may attain registration after receiving an exam waiver based on a combination of exams the representative has passed and qualifying work experience. Likewise a new exam requirement may be grandfathered based on a representative's specific qualifying work experience. Exam waivers and grandfathering are not included below.

**This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 3 general industry/product exams, and 2 state securities law exams.**




#### Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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No information reported.



#### General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Securities Industry Essentials Examination (SIE)	SIE	10/01/2018
 Futures Managed Funds Examination (S31)	Series 31	04/04/1997
 General Securities Representative Examination (S7)	Series 7	04/11/1994

#### State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
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 Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (S65)	Series 65	04/22/1994
 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination (S63)	Series 63	04/15/1994

### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.



## Registration & Employment History

### PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITH THE FOLLOWING FIRMS

This representative held registrations with the following firms:

	Registration Dates	Firm Name	ID#	Branch Location
B	02/01/2023 - 09/30/2025	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	WEST CONSHOHOCKE
IA	02/01/2023 - 09/30/2025	LPL FINANCIAL LLC	CRD# 6413	WEST CONSHOHOCKE
IA	10/25/2021 - 02/06/2023	1914 ADVISORS	CRD# 100	WEST CONSHOHOCKE
B	10/19/2021 - 02/06/2023	BOENNING & SCATTERGOOD, INC.	CRD# 100	WEST CONSHOHOCKE
IA	03/30/2006 - 10/18/2021	JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC	CRD# 463	WEST CHESTER, PA
B	03/11/1999 - 10/18/2021	JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC	CRD# 463	WEST CHESTER, PA
B	04/12/1994 - 03/09/1999	SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.	CRD# 7059	NEW YORK, NY

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Below is the representative's employment history for up to the last 10 years.

Employment Dates	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
09/2025 - Present	Aegis Capital Corp	Investment Advisor Representative	Y	New York, NY, United States
02/2023 - 09/2025	LPL FINANCIAL, LLC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA, United States
10/2021 - 02/2023	Boenning & Scattergood, Inc.	Financial Advisor	Y	West Conshohocken, PA, United States
01/2020 - 10/2021	Janney Montgomery Scott LLC	Financial Advisor	Y	West Chester, PA, United States
02/1999 - 01/2020	JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT INC.	NOT PROVIDED	Y	BALA CYNWYD, PA, United States

### OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

This section includes information, if any, as provided by the representative regarding other business activities the representative is currently engaged in either as a proprietor, partner, officer, director, employee, trustee, agent, or otherwise. This section does not include non-investment related activity that is exclusively charitable, civic, religious, or fraternal and is recognized as tax exempt.

No information reported.



## Disclosure Summary

### Disclosure Information

#### What you should know about reported disclosure events:

##### (1) Certain thresholds must be met before an event is reported to IARD, for example:

- A law enforcement agency must file formal charges before an Investment Adviser Representative is required to report a particular criminal event.;
- A customer dispute must involve allegations that an Investment Adviser Representative engaged in activity that violates certain rules or conduct governing the industry and that the activity resulted in damages of at least \$5,000.

##### (2) Disclosure events in IAPD reports come from different sources:

As mentioned in the "About IAPD" section on page 1 of this report, information contained in IAPD comes from Investment Adviser Representatives, firms and regulators. When more than one of these sources reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the IAPD report. The different versions will be separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

##### (3) There are different statuses and dispositions for disclosure events:

- A disclosure event may have a status of *pending*, *on appeal*, or *final*.
  - A "pending" disclosure event involves allegations that have not been proven or formally adjudicated.
  - A disclosure event that is "on appeal" involves allegations that have been adjudicated but are currently being appealed.
  - A "final" disclosure event has been concluded and its resolution is not subject to change.
- A final disclosure event generally has a disposition of *adjudicated*, *settled* or *otherwise resolved*.
  - An "adjudicated" matter includes a disposition by (1) a court of law in a criminal or civil matter, or (2) an administrative panel in an action brought by a regulator that is contested by the party charged with some alleged wrongdoing.
  - A "settled" matter generally represents a disposition wherein the parties involved in a dispute reach an agreement to resolve the matter. Please note that Investment Adviser Representatives and firms may choose to settle customer disputes or regulatory matters for business or other reasons.
  - A "resolved" matter usually includes a disposition wherein no payment is made to the customer or there is no finding of wrongdoing on the part of the Investment Adviser Representative. Such matters generally involve customer disputes.

##### (4) You may wish to contact the Investment Adviser Representatives to obtain further information regarding any of the disclosure events contained in this IAPD report.



## DISCLOSURE EVENT DETAILS

When evaluating this information, please keep in mind that some items may involve pending actions or allegations that may be contested and have not been resolved or proven. The event may, in the end, be withdrawn, dismissed, resolved in favor of the Investment Adviser Representative, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository. Some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided.

The following types of events are disclosed about this representative:

Type	Count
Customer Dispute	4
Termination	2

### Customer Dispute

This section provides information regarding a customer dispute that was reported to the Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) by the Investment Adviser Representative (IAR), an investment adviser and/or securities firm, and/or a securities regulator. The event may include a consumer-initiated, investment-related complaint, arbitration proceeding or civil suit that contains allegations of sales practice violations against the individual.

The customer dispute may be pending or may have resulted in a civil judgment, arbitration award, monetary settlement, closure without action, withdrawal, dismissal, denial, or other outcome.

#### Disclosure 1 of 4

<b>Reporting Source:</b>	Individual
<b>Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:</b>	JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC
<b>Allegations:</b>	Claimant alleges that FA over-concentrated her account and failed to appropriately enter a sale order.
<b>Product Type:</b>	Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)
<b>Alleged Damages:</b>	\$5,000.00
<b>Alleged Damages Amount Explanation (if amount not exact):</b>	Reasonably in excess of \$5,000
<b>Is this an oral complaint?</b>	No
<b>Is this a written complaint?</b>	Yes
<b>Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?</b>	Yes
<b>Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:</b>	FINRA DISPUTE RESOLUTION ARBITRATION
<b>Docket/Case #:</b>	16-00872
<b>Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:</b>	03/24/2016



### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 04/04/2016  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 07/07/2016  
**Settlement Amount:** \$45,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$5,000.00

#### Disclosure 2 of 4

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** Janney Montgomery Scott LLC  
**Allegations:** Plaintiff alleges that FA made unsuitable investments in their accounts.  
**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)  
**Alleged Damages:** \$375,000.00  
**Is this an oral complaint?** No  
**Is this a written complaint?** Yes  
**Is this an arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation?** Yes  
**Arbitration/Reparation forum or court name and location:** FINRA Dispute Resolution Arbitration  
**Docket/Case #:** 15-02795  
**Filing date of arbitration/CFTC reparation or civil litigation:** 10/20/2015

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 11/02/2015  
**Complaint Pending?** No  
**Status:** Settled  
**Status Date:** 12/02/2016  
**Settlement Amount:** \$145,000.00  
**Individual Contribution Amount:** \$0.00

#### Disclosure 3 of 4

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Employing firm when activities occurred which led to the complaint:** JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC.



**Allegations:** CLIENTS ALLEGE THAT THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR MADE AN INAPPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CLIENTS TO PURCHASE MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES THAT RESULTED IN LOSSES IN THE CLIENTS' ACCOUNT.

**Product Type:** Debt-Asset Backed

**Alleged Damages:** \$10,190.56

**Is this an oral complaint?** No

**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC  
reparation or civil litigation?** No

### Customer Complaint Information

**Date Complaint Received:** 12/07/2014

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Evolved into Arbitration/CFTC reparation (the individual is a named party)

**Status Date:** 10/21/2015

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution  
Amount:**

### Arbitration Information

**Arbitration/CFTC reparation  
claim filed with (FINRA, AAA,  
CFTC, etc.):** FINRA Dispute Resolution Arbitration

**Docket/Case #:** 15-01954

**Date Notice/Process Served:** 10/21/2015

**Arbitration Pending?** No

**Disposition:** Settled

**Disposition Date:** 12/03/2015

**Monetary Compensation  
Amount:** \$10,000.00

**Individual Contribution  
Amount:** \$10,000.00

### Disclosure 4 of 4

**Reporting Source:** Individual

**Employing firm when  
activities occurred which led  
to the complaint:** JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC

**Allegations:** CLIENT ALLEGES THAT THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR DID NOT COMMUNICATE WITH HIM REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF SECURITIES IN THE ACCOUNT.

**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)

**Alleged Damages:** \$28,692.65

**Is this an oral complaint?** No



**Is this a written complaint?** Yes

**Is this an arbitration/CFTC  
reparation or civil litigation?** No

**Customer Complaint Information**

**Date Complaint Received:** 02/08/2015

**Complaint Pending?** No

**Status:** Denied

**Status Date:** 03/30/2015

**Settlement Amount:**

**Individual Contribution  
Amount:**

**Broker Statement** CLAIM DENIED. FIRM'S REVIEW DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CLAIM.



## Termination

This disclosure event involves a situation where the Investment Adviser Representative voluntarily resigned, was discharged or was permitted to resign after allegations were made that accused the Investment Adviser Representative of violating investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct; fraud or the wrongful taking of property; or failure to supervise in connection with investment-related statutes, regulations, rules or industry standards of conduct.

### Disclosure 1 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Firm  
**Firm Name:** Janney Montgomery Scott LLC  
**Termination Type:** Permitted to Resign  
**Termination Date:** 09/30/2021  
**Allegations:** Mr. McErlean was permitted to resign due to his violation of firm policy related to the filing of a beneficiary form at the request of a deceased client's heir; conduct did not result in any changes to the customer's account, customer harm, or involve the purchase or sale of investments.  
**Product Type:** No Product

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**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Firm Name:** JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT INC.  
**Termination Type:** Permitted to Resign  
**Termination Date:** 09/30/2021  
**Allegations:** Mr. McErlean was permitted to resign due to his violation of firm policy related to the filing of a beneficiary form at the request of a deceased client's heir; conduct did not result in any changes to the customer's account, customer harm, or involve the purchase or sale of investments.  
**Product Type:** No Product

### Disclosure 2 of 2

**Reporting Source:** Individual  
**Firm Name:** SALOMON SMITH BARNEY  
**Termination Type:** Discharged  
**Termination Date:** 02/16/1999  
**Allegations:** N/A  
EMPLOYING FIRM: SALOMON SMITH BARNEY.  
INVESTMENT PRODUCT: EQUITY LISTED. ALLEGATIONS: FC EXERCISED DISCRETION WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION IN ONE ACCOUNT WITH A CUSTOMER WHO IN THE PAST HAD GIVEN VERBAL DISCRETION. HE ASSUMED TRADES WERE CONSISTENT WITH PRIOR DISCRETIONARY ARRANGEMENT.  
**Product Type:** Equity Listed (Common & Preferred Stock)  
**Other Product Types:**  
**Broker Statement** REPRESENTATIVE WAS TERMINATED ON 2/16/1999 DUE TO ALLEGEDLY EXERCISING DISCRETION WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION IN ONE ACCOUNT WITH A CUSTOMER WHO IN THE PAST



HAD GIVEN VERBAL DISCRETION. HE ASSUMED TRADES WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIOR ARRANGEMENT. THERE WAS A STRONG FOUR YEAR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CLIENT. WE HAD RECENTLY PURCHASED AND SOLD THE SECURITY IN QUESTION FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PROFIT. AT THE TIME OF THIS SALE, WE HAD DISCUSSED REPURCHASING THE SECURITY, THE CLIENT WAS OUT OF TOWN ON VACATION AND I PURCHASED THE STOCK ASSUMING I HAD AUTHORITY TO DO SO GIVEN OUR PRIOR CONVERSATION. THE SECURITY SUBSEQUENTLY DECLINED AND THE CLIENT RENEGED ON THE TRADE. FC BELIEVED HE ACTED PROPERLY WITHIN HIS TIME AND PRICE DECRETION.



## End of Report

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